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The reply filed on March 14, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission or matter: The amendment submitted March 14, 2003 fails to comply with the revised format for amending the specification effective January 31, 2003. Applicant uses this format with the strikethrough for portions of the replaced paragraphs. This is shown in the proposed amendment to pages 4 and 5 of the specification. However, of the ten paragraphs replaced in this amendment, none shows underlining that would indicate any subject matter has been added. However, all of the paragraphs appear to have added subject matter, many of the additions are substantial, appear to be significant, and are of importance in assessing whether applicant has substantively replied to the outstanding office action. Applicant has failed to comply with the revised format for amending the specification effective January 31, 2003. Applicant must submit a supplemental amendment complying with the revised format effective January 31, 2003 showing changes in the specification as required; deletions by strikethrough and additions by underlining. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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2222. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W & F 5:30-1:30, T 5:30-2:00 & TH 5:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.



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